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Trick-or-treating at Mississinewa Lake is for overnight guests only this year

Mississinewa Lake is hosting Autumn Camping Weekends (ACW) II on Saturday, Oct. 10 within the framework of the state's guidance for event planning, including social distancing, mask requirements, hand-washing and sanitizing of program materials this year. Events include a variety of other activities as usual. Many of those activities are open to the public: Pancake breakfasts are fundraisers for Friends groups from 9 to 10:30 a.m.; cornhole tournaments at noon, \$5 per person, double-elimination; Step into pumpkin decorating from noon to 2 p.m. This year, however, because of COVID-19, if trick-or-treating occurs at park properties, it will be only for campers and other overnight guests. Entrance to the Miami Recreation Area is restricted on Saturday from 1 to 5:30 p.m. For more information, visit calendar.dnr.IN.gov, camp.IN.gov or dnr.IN.gov or call 866-622-6746 or 877-LODGES1.

BMV announces Columbus Day hours

All Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) branches are closed beginning Saturday, Oct. 10 in observance of the Columbus Day holiday. Branches

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ISP investigating WPD officer-involved shooting

10-year-old also transported to Fort Wayne hospital after being stabbed during disturbance

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Indiana State Police (ISP), at the request of the Wabash Police Department (WPD), is investigating a police officer-involved shooting in which a WPD sergeant was injured, ac-

cording to Sgt. Tony Slocum, ISP public information officer for the Peru District.

Slocum said the preliminary investigation by ISP detectives revealed that today at approximately 7:02 a.m., WPD officers were dispatched to a fami-

ly disturbance at a home in the 200 block of East Maple Street.

Slocum said when officers arrived, they were met with gunfire from a shotgun that William Sendelbach, 32, was purportedly shooting. WPD Sgt. Nick Brubaker was shot in the leg. Officers shot back with their issued Sig Sauer 9mm handguns. Sendelbach was struck by multiple bullets.

Slocum said Brubaker was transported to a local hospital where he is expected to make a full recovery. Sendelbach was flown, via medical helicopter, to a Fort Wayne hospital. His condition is unknown.

On Friday, Capt. Matt Benson, WPD public information officer, said in addition to Brubaker,

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Caelan McDougale, second from the left, receives his award.

Photos by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

‘Hometown Heroes’

Caelan McDougale, Zack Reed, Jarrett Wilson of the WHS cross country team cited for bravery

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

It's one thing to be recognized for being a distinguished citizen.

It's quite another to be one among the inaugural recipients of such an award.

Such was the case at the Monday, Sept. 28 Wabash City Council meeting, when Mayor Scott Long presented what he described as the inaugural Mayor Long's Hometown Heroes Award to Caelan McDougale, Zack Reed and Jarrett Wilson of the Wabash High School Cross Country Team.

Long said their bravery was



Zack Reed, center, receives his award.

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Duke Energy invests in Wabash County economic development program

In addition to Clark, Shelby and Wayne counties, local investment aims to attract businesses

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Duke Energy announced Thursday, Oct. 2 they were investing in four Indiana sites to spur economic development and jobs as part of its 2020 Duke Energy Site Readiness program, according to Lew Middleton, senior communications consultant.

In addition to Clark, Shelby and Wayne counties, Wabash County was one of the areas selected for the program.

"With an aim of attracting new business to industrial sites in its service area, the company has enlisted professionals to evaluate areas for development and provides each site with \$10,000 to help implement the recom-

mendations," said Middleton. "The recommendations include a detailed engineering analysis by Banning Engineering, as well as the next steps to focus on the property's infrastructure improvements and master planning."

The four locations include:

■ A 30-acre parcel located near Quality Court in Charlestown, next to the Charlestown Industrial Park in Clark County.

■ A 208-acre parcel located at 6602 E. U.S. Highway 52 in Morristown in Shelby County.

■ A 64-acre parcel located at 1277 Indiana 13 in Wabash County.

■ A 160-acre parcel that will be an expansion of the Midwest Industrial Park near Round Barn Road in Richmond in Wayne County.

"Ideal properties for Duke Energy's Site Readiness Program are typically 40 acres or larger, served by the utility, or a vacant industrial building of at least 20,000 square feet identified to

support renewed industrial growth and sustainable development in a community," said Middleton.

Middleton referred all additional questions about the Wabash County part of the project to Grow Wabash County.

Keith Gillenwater, CEO of Grow Wabash County, said the Duke Site Readiness Program is a program designed to help communities that are served by Duke Electric to help them further develop sites.

"In this case, we submitted the new Arc Light Business Park site that we are developing (from) the county farm property at the southeastern corner of Indiana 13 Highway 24. In the program, we essentially fill out a project (request for information) and they bring an engineering firm (Banning Engineering) in to help us assess the site, give us some possible development scenarios, and



Provided photo

The Wabash County part of the project is a 64-acre parcel located at 1277 Indiana 13.

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Wabash County's COVID-19 rating up to yellow

Weekly score updated Wednesday as local positivity rate climbs

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Wednesday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) updated their color-coded COVID-19 weekly metrics map, in which they upgraded Wabash County's status from the lowest rating, blue, to the next level up, yellow.


The results are as of 11:59 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4. The county metrics map is updated at midnight Wednesdays and reflects data through the previous Sunday.

Previously, Wabash County has been at the lowest blue rating since the ISDH premiered the map on its dashboard. The change reflects an uptick in Wabash County's positivity rating figures, which had been below 1 percent recently, and have climbed in subsequent days.

Long-term care facilities

On Wednesday, Sept. 30 the ISDH reported the latest long-term care facility data. Rolling Meadows Health Care Center, in LaFontaine, reported fewer than five new resident positive cases and five new resident deaths. The total resident positive cases were 44. The total number of resident deaths was 10. There was also a total of 10 staff cases. Peabody Retirement Community, in North Manchester, didn't record any new resident positive cases or resident deaths. The total resident positive cases were eight. The total resident deaths were fewer than five. There was also a total of 75 staff cases. Timbercrest Senior Living Community, in North Manchester, didn't record any new resident positive cases or resident deaths. The total resident positive cases, staff positive cases and deaths were both fewer than five. Miller's Merry Manor – Wabash East, Miller's Merry Manor – Wabash West and Wellbrooke of

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Hope will get us through

Walking the streets of lower Manhattan for the first time in a long time, I was talking with a friend a few days ago. Over the course of 20 blocks or so, I would occasionally play with my facemask, to get a little extra air. Not take it off, not to pull it down, but pull it outward. I suspect that when I did that, my nose could have become exposed. The point of this story is, a woman coming toward us, but still quite far, started screaming at me. At first, I had no idea what was going on. When I figured it out, I apologized. Profusely, even.

“You think this is a joke!” she wailed. She added that she’d recently had surgery. I shouldn’t have played with my mask – it’s true that we live in a dangerous time, especially for vulnerable people, and everyone’s on edge. On the other hand, that outburst that continued as she walked past us had to be about way more than my infraction. My friend and I had been talking at some point in our walk about the obvious deepening darkness in the city. “This is life without God,” he observed after the screaming incident.

Obviously, neither of us have any idea what the woman believes, but this is what we’re drowning in – the consequences of widespread unbelief. I find myself wanting to apologize to people I don’t even know who can’t even conceal their miseries. If Christians weren’t often so busy with internal conflicts and corruption, we’d be making God’s love unmistakably

clear.

There’s a lot of dismissing of “thoughts and prayers” in our culture. And I certainly agree that a sentiment in a tweet or a press release doesn’t do much for the world. It’s close to meaningless if it isn’t accompanied by some real pleading with God. I recently

saw the HBO series “The Young Pope with Jude Law as the pontiff, and there’s an episode in which he declares “God, we have to talk!” He gets on his knees, expands his arms, and gives his prayer everything that is in him and then some. That’s what some real prayer is about. God gets us there if we give Him time.

At the same time as my encounter on the city streets, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in the Vatican released a document, “Samaritanus Bonus,” on the care of persons in the critical and terminal phases of life.” I am taken – drawn in by – so many passages, including this one: “(E)specially in hospitals and clinics committed to Christian values, it is vital to create space for relationships built on the recognition of the fragility and vulnerability of the sick person. Weakness makes us conscious of our dependence on God and invites us to respond with the respect due to our neighbor.” It talks about “a contemplative gaze that beholds in one’s own existence

and that of others a unique and unrepeatable wonder, received and welcomed as a gift. This is the gaze of the one who does not pretend to take possession of the reality of life but welcomes it as it is, with its difficulties and sufferings, and, guided by faith, finds in illness the readiness to abandon oneself to the Lord of life who is manifest therein.”

Imagine if we always looked at each other with such a gaze, letting weakness be an entryway for God?

Christians owe it to the world to live with overflowing hope. Hope is contagious, and it needs to spread now, at a time when it’s so often hidden. COVID-19 and the stresses of shutdown have increased people’s anxiety. We must show hope together, people of all faiths and none, to those who are gravely suffering and on the brink – or beyond – of despair. There is a lot of anger in the world right now, and it will only increase as the election nears. Don’t get distracted from the necessary mission of hope. Listen to the cries – in the protests and the riots and the violence and the sadness and anxiety – they are from people longing for hope. Make that your campaign – to show it.

Kathryn Jean Lopez is senior fellow at the National Review Institute, editor-at-large of National Review magazine and author of the new book “A Year With the Mystics: Visionary Wisdom for Daily Living.” She is also chair of Cardinal Dolan’s pro-life commission in New York. She can be contacted at klopez@nationalreview.com.

Kathryn Lopez



Jarrett Wilson, center, receives his award.

HEROES

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recently brought to his attention after the trio came to the aid of a local citizen on Sept. 10 while practicing on the Honeywell Loop.

Long said the trio noticed a lady had fallen while on a walk with a young child.

“She took it upon herself to move to the side of the sidewalk as she saw them approaching. These young men stopped to assist the lady to her feet instead of running past. The young child with her was upset, While Jarrett consoled the child, Caelan and Zack helped the lady back to her feet to the walker she was using. All three then

escorted the pair back to their home,” said Long. “These three young men are the epitome of what class, caring and stewardship look like. Their actions bring credit to them, their parents, Wabash High School and the city of Wabash.”

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INVESTMENT

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give us recommendations on things we can do to improve the site. At the end of this, they then present us with a check for \$10,000 to help us underwrite some of the improvements,” said Gillenwater. “In this case, we plan to use a portion of the money on some further assessments at the site and then submit the site to the State of Indiana to receive the Site Certified designation from the state of Indiana. If there is additional funding left then, we would apply it towards marketing the site.”

Gillenwater said this is the second year in a row and the third time they have partnered with Duke Energy on this particular program.

“Last year we went through the Site Readiness program

with the North Manchester Industrial Park, and in 2014 we utilized the program for the Wabash Business Complex,” said Gillenwater. “We are very grateful for the continued partnership we have

with Duke Energy – they really support economic and community development efforts in Wabash County.”

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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 7:14 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:55 a.m.

 New 10/16	 First 10/23	 Full 10/31	 Last 11/8
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high temperature of 81°, humidity of 57%. Southwest wind 6 to 13 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 58°. East wind 1 to 6 mph. Sunday, skies will be partly cloudy, high temperature of 80°, humidity of 65%. East wind 2 to 9 mph.

Micah Clark, AFA executive director, set to speak in North Manchester

The event is set for 9:30 a.m. Sunday at Victory Christian Fellowship

STAFF REPORT

The public is invited to hear Micah Clark, executive director of the American Family Association (AFA), at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, at Victory Christian Fellowship, North Manchester, 112 W.

Main St., according to Pastor Tim Morbitzer.

Clark has served as a legislative assistant for Citizens Concerned for the Constitution, as the Indiana Family Institute’s Director of Public Policy and also as its executive director.

Clark is the only person to have served with all three of Indiana’s top statewide pro-family organizations.

“In November 2001, Micah became the executive director of the AFA of Indiana. His experience has helped AFA

expand into an organization with a consistent statehouse presence while maintaining its role as Indiana’s leading decency organization. Since joining AFA of Indiana Micah has conducted nearly 400 media interviews as its executive director,” said Morbitzer. “Everyone is welcome. Victory Christian Fellowship is a non-denominational, family church.”

For more information, call 260-982-8357 or visit www.victorynm.org.

‘Watershed Soundscape’ workshop to be held at Salamonie Lake

Program to be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17

STAFF REPORT

Join Kay Westhues for an evening “Listening to our Watershed Soundscape” workshop to be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17 at Salamonie Lake, according to Teresa Rody, interpretive naturalist.

The program begins with DNR’s interpretive naturalist Cassie Kennedy with Sound Bites at 6:30 p.m. where partic-

ipants will hear and learn about nature’s sounds. The workshop continues at 7:30 p.m. with an evening stroll and soundwalk at Salamonie Lake’s Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area.

“We will listen and record the park’s night sounds using provided digital recording equipment. The recorded sounds will be added to the World Listening Day soundscape map that will be available online,” said Rody.

Children under age 12 to be accompanied by an adult. Class size is limited. Advance registration is required.

All supplies will be provided by the artist.

Kay Westhues is an artist, folklorist, and educator. This is her second year bringing sound walks to the Arts in the Parks program.

This is a free event made possible by the “Arts in the Park” grant through the IAC, ISPM and DNR.

Events will be socially distanced, and mask-wearing is encouraged.

Property entrance fees of \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle will apply.

For more information, call 260-468-2127 or visit dnr.IN.gov.

‘What does the Lord require?’

By DAVE SNOWDON

John Quincy Adams was the sixth president of the United States and served one term from 1825 to 1829. After a brief retirement in 1830, he was elected to the House of Representatives from the state of Massachusetts. And was re-elected to this position and served 18 years until he died in 1848. He was a strong advocate of freedom of speech and was known as the “Hellhound of Abolition” for his strong stance against slavery. His view on ending slavery was not popular in his day and every time he brought up bills to end slavery in Congress he was shouted down. The members of Congress tried to do everything they could to shut him up on the issues of slavery. Mockery, shame and even passing the “gag order,” which forbade him from bringing issues on ending slavery. He would not quit. After one session in which the Congress rejected his bill to end slavery, he was approached by a newspaper reporter who asked, “Why is it that you are never discouraged or depressed over championing such an unpopular fight?” Adams’ response was clear. “Duty is ours; results are

God’s.”

In 1847, a young freshman congressman was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Illinois. In the course of his duties, his path crossed with John Quincy Adams and he was greatly influenced by him. The young congressman served only one term, but he was there in the House when John Quincy Adams passed away at the age of 80. Twelve years later that young Congressman was elected as the 16th President of the United States, we know him as Abraham Lincoln. His duty did end slavery in the United States.

Deuteronomy 10:12-13 answers the question “... what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord ...”

In this verse there are five things the Lord requires of those who believe in Him:

1. Fear him; King Solomon tells us in Proverbs 1:7 that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge;
2. Walk in all His ways, in

other words, be imitators of God (Ephesians 5:1);

3. To love Him, not just with our words but with our deeds;


4. To serve the Lord with all your heart and with all your soul, which means He is the first priority in all we do, everyone and everything else is second;

5. To keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which means both obedience and a demonstration of love; Deut. 5:10; John 14:15.

John Quincy Adams was a man of faith. He didn’t just say it with his words, he lived it and demonstrated it with his life even when others hated him for it. He acted first on his faith and second, with the freedoms our country affords.

Freedom is not free, it comes at a price. This year, we have an opportunity to act out our freedoms and faith. What does the Lord require of you?

Dave Snowden and his wife recently moved to the Wabash community to be near six of their 11 grandchildren and their parents. The couple has three adult children and 11 grandchildren. He is a retired Navy Chaplain and veteran of Vietnam and Iraqi Freedom. He also retired from the Christian & Missionary Alliance and Senior Adult Health Care in Friendship Village in Dayton, Ohio.



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Elaine Lynette Werner

Jan 7, 1936 – Oct 4, 2020

Elaine Lynette Werner, 84, of Carmel, passed away October 4, 2020. She was born January 7, 1936, in Wabash, Indiana, the daughter of Olive and Delbert Mattern, and grew up there on the family farm. Elaine was a lifelong Hoosier, living in Hamilton County since 1964.

Mother was devoted to her three children, Lisa Ranck, Ryan (Carla) Ranck and Lynette Truske. She supported and championed all their interests, whether helping the 4H Club, cheering at football, baseball and softball events, chaperoning the band, or attending numerous musical performances.

After starting her career as a teller at Merchants Bank, she soon became assistant branch manager, and she met and married John Werner. They had a happy marriage full of travel and doting on their grandchildren. The yearly Easter Egg Hunt was always eagerly anticipated. Their home was often full of fun, chaos, celebrations, and laughter.

Mother had an adventurous spirit. She loved to own and drive convertibles and earned the nickname “AJ” from her children’s friends because of her propensity to drive beyond the posted speed limit. In midlife, she owned both a motorcycle and a snowmobile. She even learned how to be a professional clown. Most recently, she got her wish to drive a semi-tractor trailer.

After her retirement from banking, she volunteered at St. Luke’s United Methodist Church and sang with the Sweet Adelines. She continued her focus on her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, supporting all their efforts. She is survived by five granddaughters, Lauren (Marc) Williams, Kelsey Ranck, Erica (Chris Perry) Truske, Brittany Truske and Katie Truske; and four great-grandchildren, Ca-



dence, Walter, Celeste, and Cadenza. She is also survived by her brother, J.P. (Janice) Mattern; their sons, Aaron (Dawn) and Chad (Karyn) and Nathan (Kristen) and their families; her niece, Lynn Borngrebe; and her family; niece, Allison Basse Tomusk; and nephew, Craig (Toni) Basse. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Elizabeth and Elise; her husband, John; and her great-granddaughter, Coda.

Mother will always be remembered for her warm smile and ready laugh. She showed friends and family alike how to be optimistic, caring, kind, and strong.

Her private funeral service will be at Shirley Brothers Mortuary on Saturday, October 10, 2020 and is limited to family. Masks and social distancing will be required. A gravesite ceremony follows.

Mother fought a courageous battle with Parkinson’s disease. She enjoyed the exercise and camaraderie of Rock Steady Boxing. The family wishes to thank Heart2Heart Hospice and especially her private health aide, Sarah Wallace, for many kindnesses.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research online at www.michaeljfox.org. Arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Mortuaries. www.shirleybrothers.com.

Barbara Ann Mattern

Funeral Services for Barbara Ann Mattern, 86, of Wabash, were 2 p.m., Monday, October 5, 2020 at Wabash Christian Church. Rev. Haley Asberry officiated, Carson Kerlin and Judy Ward were the musicians, and Jennifer Denney was the vocalist.

Memories shared by Linda O’Hara (sister), Megan Long (daughter), and Diane Kerlin (daughter). Burial was in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Pallbearers were Carson Kerlin, Cruz Long, Robert J. Mattern, Josh Long, Cooper Long, Max Mattern, Scott Billings, and Rick Kerlin.

Orville Ray Chamberlain

Funeral Services for Orville Ray Chamberlain, 95, of rural Urbana, were 10 p.m., Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Brian Chamberlain and Rev. Larry Wade officiated, and Janene Dawes was the

musician.

Memories shared by Troy Baer (grandson) family and friends. Burial was in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Pallbearers were Jim Vincent, Nate Trump, Monte Chamberlain, Ty Baer, Troy Baer, and Mike Reiff.

Thomas Edward Tacker

Aug 14, 1959 – Oct 4, 2020

Thomas Edward Tacker, 61, of rural Wabash, Indiana, passed at 7:20 pm, Sunday, October 4, 2020 at his home. He was born August 14, 1959 in Fort Carson, Colorado, to Paul K. and Mona Jo (Herrell) Tacker.

Tom was a 1977 graduate of Peru High School and attended Ivy Tech. He first married Janet R. (Poe) Moore on December 22, 1982, and together they had Michaela Tacker. He later married Laura Behny in Wabash on June 5, 1993. Tom worked for Schwanns in Wabash. He was a member of the National Rifle Association and also coached Little League. Tom was a special person who you only meet once in a lifetime. He enjoyed music, the outdoors, fishing, guns, and most importantly his family. He was a man of God, with a truly beautiful soul. He impacted so many lives, leaving behind shoes that can never be filled.

He is survived by his former wife Janet Tacker of Kokomo, Indiana; wife, Laura Tacker of Wabash, six children, Michaela Tacker of Kokomo, Grant (Hannah) Tacker of Wabash, Hope (Ryan Snyder) Tacker of



Lagro, Indiana, Lane (Haley Burton) Tacker, Luke Tacker, and Samuel Tacker, all of Wabash, 6 grandchildren, Gracie, Xavier, Hunter, Braxton, Rylynn, and Karsyn, father, Paul K. Tacker of Goshen, Indiana, and his brother, Mike (Lee) Tacker of Pierceton, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his mother, Mona Jo Tacker.

Per Tom’s request there will be no viewing. There will be a Celebration of Tom’s life from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at 5973 W. 200 S. Wabash. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

The memorial guest book for Thomas may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Phillip A. Johnson

April 29, 1970 – Oct 4, 2020

Phillip A. Johnson, 50, of Wabash, passed away on Sunday, October 4, 2020. He was born in Marion, Indiana on April 29, 1970, to the late Jerry W. Johnson and Rebecca (Briggs) Warren.

Phillip is survived by his mother, Rebecca; son, Brandon Johnson; daughter, Jessica Paige; brother, Jammy A. Johnson, Wabash; sister, Lori L. Shepler, Wabash and

grandmother, Sara Middleton, Marion.

There will be an announcement of a memorial service to be held at a later date.

Arrangements have been entrusted to McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com

Patricia ‘Pat’ Louise Diaz Hernandez

Sept 27, 1951 – Oct 6, 2020

Patricia “Pat” Louise Diaz Hernandez, 69, North Manchester, died October 6, 2020. Pat was born September 27, 1951 in Wabash.

Patricia “Pat” Diaz Hernandez is survived by her mother, Judy A. Murphy; daughters, Tracy (Rich) Smith, Stephanie (Rob) Martinez, and Kelly (Nick Harvey) Good; brother Richard “Dick” (Karla) Mur-

phy; sister, Linda (Jack) Harter; and four grandchildren. Pat was preceded in death by her father, John E. Murphy.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held Saturday, October 10, 2020 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Congregational Christian Church, 310 North Walnut Street, North Manchester. Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Phyllis Moore

Phyllis Moore, 84, of Wabash, passed away at 4 a.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

Phyllis is survived by sons, William (Karen) Moore, Brian Moore, and Chris Moore; daughter, Lorna (Mark) Worrick; sister, Miriam Williams; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by daughter, Luanne

Hammonds and one sister.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Friday, October 9, 2020 at McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana.

Visitation for family and friends were held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2020, at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com

RATING

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Wabash didn’t record any new resident positive cases or resident deaths. There were fewer than five staff cases and no resident cases or deaths at each. The previous results were as of Wednesday, Sept. 23 and were updated Wednesday, Sept. 30. The dashboard is updated weekly at noon Wednesdays. New positive cases and deaths have occurred over a range of dates but were reported to the ISDH seven days before the last dashboard update.

During the latest update Wednesday, the only new long-term care facility case was from Miller’s Merry Manor – Wabash East, which reported fewer than five new positive resident cases.

As of Friday, the state still reported nine Wabash County COVID-19 deaths. When asked about the discrepancy between the Wabash County long-term care facility deaths and those of the county as a whole, Megan Wade-Taxter, media relations coordinator, said test results are included in a county’s total based on the address listed on the lab report.

“An individual may be a resident of a long-term care facility in one county but have their home address in another county listed as their address on the lab report. In that situation, their test result would be included in the total for the county of their home address, not the county where the long-term care facility is located,” said Wade-Taxter on Wednesday. “Facility-specific questions should be directed to the facility.”

Local figures

On Wednesday, the ISDH reported three new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 293, with 5,209 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 5.8 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 8.5 percent.

On Thursday, the ISDH reported three new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 296, with 5,250 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 4.6 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 8.1 percent.

On Friday, the ISDH reported eight new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 304, with 5,303 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 5.2 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 6.7 percent.

As of Friday, the ISDH

reported the following Wabash County demographics for positive cases by age group:

- Ages 0 to 19: 13.8 percent
- Ages 20 to 29: 16.4 percent
- Ages 30 to 39: 16.1 percent
- Ages 40 to 49: 11.2 percent
- Ages 50 to 59: 10.5 percent
- Ages 60 to 69: 11.8 percent
- Ages 70 to 79: 8.9 percent
- Ages 80 and above: 11.2 percent

The ISDH reported the following gender breakdowns for Wabash County positive cases:

- Female: 60.5 percent
- Male: 38.5 percent
- Unknown: 1 percent

The ISDH reported the following racial breakdowns for Wabash County positive cases:

- White: 73.4 percent
- Other race: 9.2 percent
- Black or African American: 1.6 percent
- Asian: .3 percent
- Unknown: 15.5 percent

The ISDH reported the following ethnic breakdowns for Wabash County positive cases:

- Not Hispanic or Latino: 56.6 percent
- Hispanic or Latino: 4.9 percent
- Unknown: 38.5 percent

Statewide figures

On Friday, the ISDH announced that 1,832 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That brings to 131,493 the total number of Indiana residents known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day’s dashboard.

A total of 3,534 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 19 from the previous day. Another 227 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by the state and occurred over multiple days.

To date, 1,463,436 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 1,451,391 on Thursday. A total of 2,276,846 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the state Department of Health since Feb. 26.

To find testing sites around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

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SHOOTING

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Patrolman Dan Henderson also discharged his duty weapon.

“According to WPD policy, both officers are placed on paid administrative leave until the preliminary investigation is complete. All questions about the investigation should be directed to the ISP,” said Benson.

Slocum said evidence revealed before officers arrived at the Maple Street home, Sendelbach had allegedly shot at an occupied garbage truck that was making morning rounds. The driver was not injured.

Further investigation revealed that during the family disturbance, a 10-year-old was stabbed with a knife. The juvenile victim was flown to Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis

with life-threatening injuries. Sendelbach is suspected of injuring the victim.

“This is an ongoing investigation. No further information will be released at this time,” said Slocum. “Upon completion of the investigation, the information will be forwarded to the Wabash County Prosecutor’s Office for review. All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless proven

guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.”

On Thursday morning, Mayor Scott Long called the incident a “tragic event.”

“Our thoughts are with the families of those involved and our entire police and fire department family, as well as the ISP, Wabash County Sheriff’s Department and the Wabash County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) personnel who are assisting at the

scene,” said Long. “I would also like our community to keep our children in their thoughts and prayers as they cope with a classmate or friend being injured. My personal prayers are with all as we work through the next few days.”

Keith Walters, Wabash County EMA director, said his “involvement was limited to blocking an intersection” and referred all subsequent questions to city

officials.

Barry Stroup, Wabash Fire Department chief, said that due to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), he was unable to comment further.

This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

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In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Acts 20:32

COVID-19 superspreader burst the White House bubble

When the history of America's failing response to the novel coronavirus is written, a chapter will certainly focus on the Rose Garden images of Sept. 26 at the White House.

There, amid a presidential celebration of a rushed nomination to the Supreme Court, America's leaders behaved as if over 200,000 American deaths from COVID-19 as of that day never happened. Air kisses and bear hugs flowed freely among the couple of hundred attendees, and a smaller group later inside the White House, with little evidence of mask wearing and none of social distancing. But the virus was there. And it was busy as Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, threw his arms around friends, and former White House adviser Kellyanne Conway whispered into Attorney General William Barr's ear, and ex-New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie pulled a friend close in greeting so they were cheek to cheek.

Conduct at the event in many ways echoed Donald Trump's serial rallies, where hundreds gather cheek to jowl without distancing and masks to cheer him. Except leaders and officials gathered in the Rose Garden should have known better — people like Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, grinning without a face covering as he fist-bumped, and the Rev. John Jenkins, the Notre Dame University president who ignored face-mask precautions

that he requires of his own students.

Like outbreaks at weddings, meat-packing plants and motorcycle rallies, the Rose Garden ceremony would take on all the hallmarks of a superspreader event. Attendees who have tested positive for coronavirus include Lee, Conway, Christie, Jenkins and White House spokeswoman Kayleigh McEnany. Donald and Melania Trump have fallen ill. And as the virus has spread through the White House and to Capitol Hill, a dozen others have become infected. More are expected. (Among those in the Rose Garden who have so far tested negative are Vice President Mike Pence and Karen Pence, Azar and Barr.)

How could this — a form of biological attack on the top echelons of American government — happen?

A sad brew of hubris and misapplied science led White House officials and guests to believe they could frolic in a kind of virus-free bubble, exempted from the preventative measures that have reshaped and constrained the lives of millions of average Americans.

The White House for months has relied on an Abbott Laboratories coronavirus test to screen White House guests. It provides results within 15 minutes, but at a false-negative rate up to 30 percent. The White House wielded this tool like "a

metal detector," said Dr. Ashish Jha, dean of Brown University's School of Public Health, even though that was never its intended use.

Guests who tested negative at the Rose Garden were told they could take off their masks. They mingled like it was 2019.

Across the country on that same day, about 865 people died as a result of COVID-19. The infection rate, if anything, is actually on the rise in the United States.

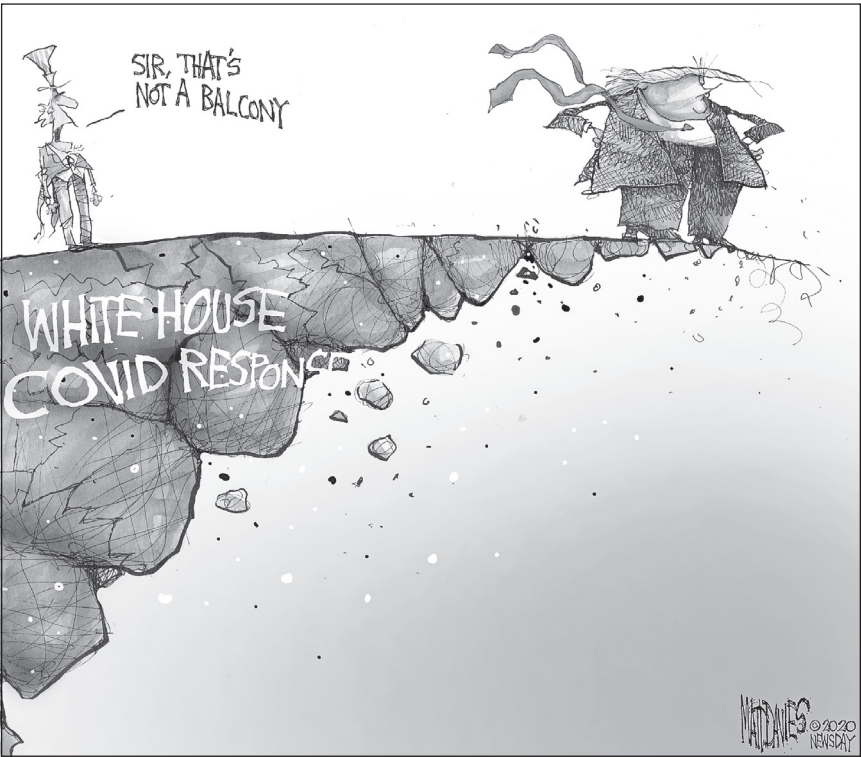
Six days after the event that turned the White House into a hot spot, a feverish president short of breath was flown by helicopter for admittance to the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. He received top-line treatment, including an experimental antibody cocktail accessible to few other patients. Trump returned to the White House on Monday much improved, though doctors say he must be monitored closely for the next several days.

"Don't be afraid of Covid," the president tweeted. "Don't let it dominate your life."

More than 30,000 Americans are hospitalized because of the coronavirus. Hundreds are dying every day.

If there were lessons to be learned from what happened in the Rose Garden, the president seems to have learned the wrong ones.

This editorial was first published in USA Today.



Lutheran Health Network serves the community in many impactful ways

The work and operations of Lutheran Health Network matter for the communities we serve throughout northeastern Indiana in the best of times, but the COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the importance of hospitals and strong health-care systems. Throughout the pandemic response, we have worked collaboratively with other healthcare providers, civic leaders, local, regional and federal leaders to serve our patients, each other and our community — and this is ongoing.

Quality medical care supports health and well-being for residents. The Lutheran Health Network team is one of the area's largest workforces. Monies we spend to maintain, enhance and expand our facilities and services create more jobs and ripple through the economy. Taxes we pay support civic resources all residents count on. Between capital investments, taxes paid, payroll, charity and uncompensated care, dollars spent/invested locally and donations/outreach contributions, Lutheran Health Network has a material impact of more than \$3.2 million each day, which, in some way, matters to everyone in our region.

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live better when they are well. We celebrate with families as they welcome new members and provide compassionate care and comfort as a loved one's life ends. Emergency medical care is provided to all patients, regardless of their ability to pay. More than \$214 million in charity and uncompensated care was delivered in 2019.

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Convenience and access to care matters — in an emergency, when you're ill, and even when you're trying to live healthier. Our multiple points of care serve more than 1.7 million patient encounters annually. We have made it easier for people to secure the care they need at one of our many access points across the region, including acute care hospitals, specialty hospitals, a freestanding emergency department, urgent care clinics, provider practices and imaging centers. The emer-

gency care, babies delivered, surgeries performed, screening tests, annual physicals and vaccinations add up to thousands of service encounters each day.

Lutheran Health Network is continually evolving through advances in medical practice and technologies, as we identify clinical needs and respond to shifts in our nation's health-care system. It all starts with primary care and staying well. The telehealth option for some visits gives consumers more convenience and access. When more advanced care is needed — whether it's a heart issue, joint replacement, a high-risk pregnancy or any other condition — the Lutheran Health Network team is here to provide safe, quality care with the best possible experience to those we are privileged to serve.

We take time each year to reflect on what has been and look forward to how we can best be of service in the future. Lutheran Health Network is here for you, your family, friends and neighbors because your health, and that of the community, matter.

Mark Medley is the Regional President and Chief Executive Officer of Lutheran Health Network. Dupont, Lutheran, Rehabilitation, St. Joseph and The Orthopedic hospitals are owned in part by physicians.

The lengthening impact of COVID-19

The COVID pandemic continues to affect commerce and government in what is clearly the worst year for the economy since the Great Depression. We don't yet know how deep this will be, but there is growing evidence of an increasingly delayed recovery.

There is some good news. The official unemployment rate has dropped significantly and commerce is clearly recovering in many places. Still, in October 2020, the risk of COVID remains significant and depresses consumer spending and business investment.

The most alarming piece of data is the growing number of permanently unemployed workers. The COVID spike in those reporting permanent job losses returned us to 2013 levels. The economic absorption of permanent job losses is a major factor in the duration of recovery. If the re-employment of permanent job losers is twice as fast as it was after the Great Recession, it will take close to four years to recover. I know of no economist predicting a labor market miracle in the wake of COVID.

COVID will continue to cause permanent job disruptions until a vaccine is widely available. It is easy to build a plausible scenario where permanent job losses weigh on the U.S. economy well through the 2020s. Worse still, the administrative data on job losses report more than twice the rates of job losses than do the survey data used to calculate the official jobless rate. Even with double the fraud and error rate, this means we are missing 10 million unemployed people in the preliminary unemployment statistics.

Of course, it is election season and one predictable bipartisan temptation is to spin the economic conditions in ways that are favorable to your side. That's normal, but believing your own spin is neither normal or healthy. That is particularly true when considering what steps might ease the economic crisis. Failure to take seriously the near certain risk that the underlying US economy is weakening will delay recovery, perhaps for years. Nowhere is that more apparent than in the risk to state and local tax collections.

My colleagues and I just reported results from our analysis of state tax losses across the nation. We used three different scenarios of the economy. Our best scenario, which happens to be almost identical to the official Congressional Budget Office forecast, happens to be the fourth worst year since we started gathering data in 1929.

We estimated impacts to major tax instruments, such as income, corporate income, sales and gaming taxes. One problem we face is that this downturn impacts the more volatile tax instruments than did previous recessions. For example, in a normal downturn of this size, we'd expect Nevada's gaming taxes to drop by maybe 15 percent. In reality, they are down by more than 75 percent for the year.

Most states end up taxing heavily those things that were most affected by COVID. So, our reliance on historical tax and economic data offers just about the most favorable outcomes. In reality, this year and next will almost surely be the worst two years in state tax collections in history. We estimate that the second half of 2020 will be far worse than the worst year of the Great Recession. Tax revenue losses will be in the 5.0 to 10 percent range across our three different scenarios.

One way to judge the effects is to see how long it takes states to exhaust their Rainy Day Funds if they continued to spend money as they were in 2019. We use the most optimistic economic scenario to emphasize just how bad the situation really is. By our calculations, six states exhausted their Rainy Day Funds by June of this year and a total of 16 had done so by the end of September. By year's end, 23 states will have fully exhausted their Rainy Day Funds.

By the end of 2021, we anticipate, that under the most favorable of our scenarios, only 10 states will have any Rainy Day funds remaining. Of those, five are states with heavy natural resource extraction, which normally has huge, sometimes 100 percent reserves.

I don't think I can say it plainly enough. Nearly every American state faces tax revenue reductions that are so deep and so lasting that they imperil both a broad economic recovery and the continued functioning of state government. Indiana is better than most, making it into the top dozen states. Still, this is a year when we should have been talking about restoring K-12 funding back to 2010 levels. That is not the conversation the legislature will have this year.

Congress must pass a state and local tax supplement. It is not a bailout of fiscally irresponsible states. After all, California will end 2021 with the largest surviving Rainy Day Fund. Moreover, it is not at all clear which states are fiscally irresponsible. It is nice to have a large Rainy Day Fund, but if your K-12 students don't have the tools to learn remotely you might be less fiscally responsible than you claim.

States have much less budget flexibility than they did in 2007. The expansion of Medicaid and cuts from 2007-2009 leave them very little room to make cuts without affecting public services. So, cuts, especially to education will be deep and likely result in long term economic damage. But, even if states could make personnel cuts to accommodate the looming revenue reductions, doing so will lengthen and deepen this already deep economic downturn. It is time for Congress to help reduce the duration and intensity of this downturn by passing legislation to replace tax revenues lost to COVID.

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HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Oct. 10, the 284th day of 2020. There are 82 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Oct. 10, 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy was established in Annapolis, Maryland.

On this date:

In 1911, Chinese revolutionaries launched an uprising which led to the collapse of the Qing (or Manchu) Dynasty and the establishment of the Republic of China.



Provided photo

Alley Odell arrives in North Manchester from Bridgewater College in Virginia, where she was an assistant coach for the Eagles during the 2019-20 campaign.

Alley Odell named Manchester women’s basketball asst. coach

Odell appeared in more than 70 games at NCAA Division II-member Concord University

By DILLON BENDER

Manchester University head women’s basketball coach Josh Dzurick has added Alley Odell to his coaching staff. Odell will serve as an assistant coach for the Spartans.

Odell arrives in North Manchester from Bridgewater College in Virginia, where she was an assistant coach for the Eagles during the 2019-20 campaign. While at Bridgewater, Odell assisted in all facets of the women’s basketball program by providing support with recruiting, practices, player development, travel coordination, scouting reports and conducting academic progress meetings. She also assisted with team inventory and ran the team’s social media accounts.

During the 2019-20 season, Bridgewater compiled an overall of 14-12. The Eagles posted a mark of 13-5 in the highly competitive Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC). A 10-game winning streak during the regular season helped the Eagles secure the No. 3-seed in the ODAC Tournament. Odell helped coach Madison Baum, who was named ODAC Co-Defensive Player of the Year. Baum, along with fellow junior, Ahlia Moore, were both All-ODAC honorees.

Odell appeared in more than 70 games at NCAA Division II-member Concord University located in Athens, West Virginia. She graduated from Concord in 2017 with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology with a minor in social work.

Odell is earning her master’s degree in human services counseling from Liberty University. She is also obtaining a sports management master’s certificate.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director at Manchester University.

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Lady Apaches sweep Lewis Cass



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Sophomore Jade Stumbo hits a kill into Lewis Cass’s court.

By ALINA REED

Wabash Plain Dealer Freelance Reporter

Fans were present and ready to cheer on the Lady Apache on Tuesday, Oct. 6. Wabash hosted Lewis Cass for the evening at O.J. Neighbours.

Junior varsity took the floor to start the evening. Lewis Cass was first to serve. Quickly they gained five points before Wabash called for a time out. As the first game progressed, Wabash quickly made a great turnaround leaving them with 15 to 12 before Lewis Cass called for a timeout. The Lady Apache junior varsity team came out victorious leaving the scoreboard at 25 to 22. Their second game progressed and finished quickly as Wabash won 25 to 12. Freshman libero and Reagan Pries scored eight points and executed 13 digs total for the night.

The varsity was ready to take over the court. The starting lineup was sophomore setter Emma Tracy, senior outside hitter Jordan Stumbo, senior middle hitter Alivia Short, sophomore opposite hitter Jade Stumbo, senior defensive specialist Kyndal Fields, senior middle hitter Mariah Wyatt and sophomore libero Ashlynn Cruz.

Lewis Cass served up first, siding out right away. This led to Tracy serving first for Wabash. As both teams rallied between each other Wabash kept racking up the points. Lewis Cass felt the heat and called a time out with the scoreboard at 20 to 13, Wabash lead. Wyatt executed some amazing kills throughout the night. The first game ended with Wabash winning 25-15. Lewis Cass were ready to bring the heat, but Wabash refused to back down.

Throughout the second set, Cruz put

up a great pass off the serve. Tracy ended up setting the ball to Wyatt and led Wyatt to smash the ball into Lewis Cass’s hole in their defense. This was one of 18 kills Wyatt hit for the night. Lewis Cass felt the heat and called for a time out at 14-4, Wabash’s lead. A few digs, blocks, kills and spikes later, Wyatt scored the winning point for the second set leaving Wabash 25 to 16.

Lewis Cass served first for the third set, ending in Wabash gaining their first point. The rallies progressed and Wabash started to feel their opponent’s determination to win. Points began slipping through Wabash’s fingers and Lewis Cass came out victorious leaving the score at 20 to 25. Wabash knew they had to step up their game to come out triumphant.

“A weakness we have almost every game is our serve receive. Our passes weren’t to the front row. This makes it hard to run an offense. Another was trying to dig up tips and short hits. We weren’t covering the areas they were hitting at very well,” said Tracy.

Tracy started the fourth set with a strong serve but ended siding out. This set in particular became heated since Wabash knew they only needed one more game to end the night. Wabash came out victorious winning the last set 25 to 19. This ended the night with Wabash winning three out of four games. Short ended the night with 16 points, seven kills, and 10 digs for the night. Wyatt ended the night with 18 kills and 21 digs. Tracy finished the night with seven points and 41 assists.

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Browns look to further validate start against tough Colts

By TOM WITHERS

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Baker Mayfield knows all about the Browns’ tortured history over the past two decades. It’s been jammed down his throat.

Almost from the moment he was drafted with the No. 1 overall pick in 2018, Mayfield’s been told about the expansion era horror stories of botched drafts, devastating injuries, coaching mistakes, paralyzing dysfunction and losing. So much losing.

Mayfield can’t deal with Cleveland’s painful past. So why try?

“I was not here for all that,” he said. “I was here to change it, and that is what I am doing.”

It’s true. The Browns (3-1), three years removed from an 0-16 season and owners of the NFL’s current longest playoff drought, are off to their best start since 2001. Flaunting a well-balanced, high-scoring offense and a ball-hawking defense, Cleveland is one of the league’s early surprises in 2020 – to everyone, that is, but the Browns.

“You look at the games that we won, and it was not like it was a fluke,” said star receiver Odell Beckham Jr., who had three touchdowns in last week’s win at Dallas.

Maybe not, OBJ. But the Browns’ three wins after being blown out in their opener at Baltimore have come against teams with a combined 3-8-1 record, which makes Sunday’s game against the Indianapolis Colts (3-1) a true test of Cleveland’s legitimacy as a, dare we say it, playoff contender.

The same case could be made for the Colts, who shook off a Week 1 loss to Jacksonville and have won three straight. But Indy’s schedule over the season’s first quarter was equally soft, so Cleveland will be a good measuring stick – for now.

The matchup will feature the NFL’s top rushing team (Cleveland averages 204.5 yards per game) against the league’s best overall defense; the Colts lead in points allowed, yards and interceptions.

“We are playing as a unit. We are playing smart,” said Indianapolis coach Frank Reich.

“We have been good against the run. It starts with stopping the run. That is why this week is going to be such a challenge, it will really put that to the test.”

It might have gotten a touch easier as the Browns will be without Pro Bowl running back Nick Chubb, who sprained his right knee in last week’s win at Dallas and could be sidelined for a month or more.

Kareem Hunt will likely get most of Chubb’s carries as first-year Browns coach Kevin Stefanski isn’t expected to stray from a formula that has been working.

“No one replaces Nick Chubb,” said Browns guard Joel Bitonio. “The guy is a stud. That one hurts seeing him go down for a little bit, but it is the NFL and that kind of stuff happens, unfortunately.”

Old Man Rivers

Colts quarterback Philip Rivers can add two more milestones to his resume this weekend.

Sunday’s start will be the 38-year-old’s 229th in a row, tying him with Hall of Fame

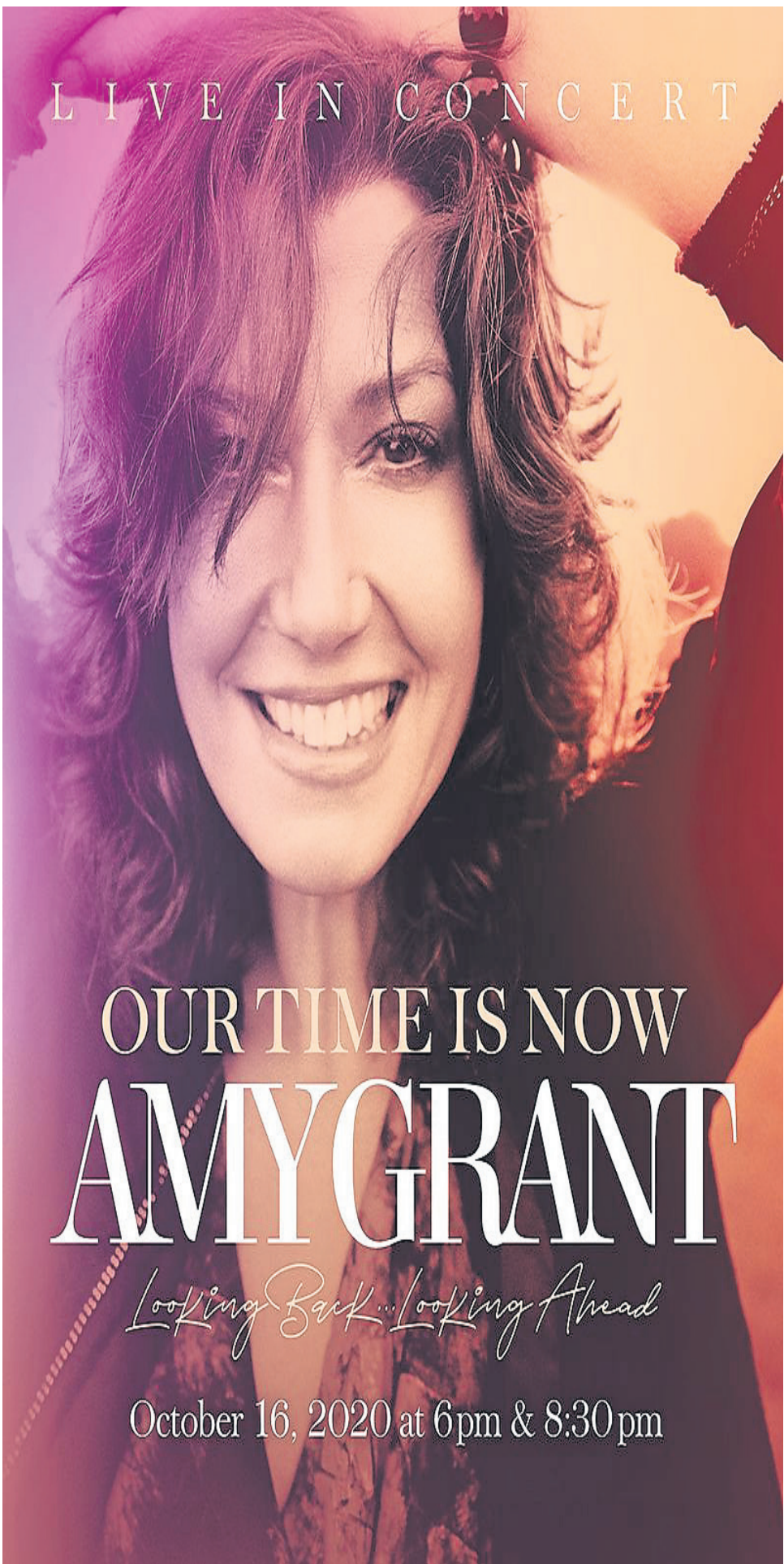
offensive lineman Bruce Matthews for the fourth-longest streak in league history.

And with four completions, Rivers will be the fifth NFL player with 5,000 in his career. Earlier this season, Rivers became the sixth with 60,000 yards and 400 touch-

down passes.

He only tracks one stat.

“You always want to keep improving and getting better and if you’re winning along the way, that’s a pretty good sign,” Rivers said. “Find a way to win and do the things necessary to win.”



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Frances Slocum Chapter of the INDAR to meet Tuesday, Oct. 13

Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (INDAR) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, at the Grandstaff Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. The program will be about Alexander and Susanna (Swihart) Abshire Log Cabin located in Roann, presented by Carol Long, a decedent of the Swihart family. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit www.dar.org or call Linda Thompson at 260-563-4661 or Amiss at 260-982-4376.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distribution Wednesdays

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14 and Wednesday, Oct. 28 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. Distribution is while supplies last. All are welcome, regardless of home county or reason for need. No IDs, proof of address or income will be required. If you are walking up or coming via

a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Annual Join the Y – Canned Food Drive begins

The Wabash County YMCA is once again partnering with F.I.S.H. of Wabash County to launch the Annual Join the Y – Canned Food Drive through Thursday, Oct. 15 at 500 S. Cass St. Similar to past years, those who donate a can of non-perishable food will receive a reduction of the joiner fee. For more information, visit wabashcountyymca.org or call 260-563-9622.

Absentee voting applications now available

Voters who wish to vote absentee may visit indiana voters.com and complete an absentee application or they can call the clerk's office at 260-563-0661, ext. 1238 and request the form. Absentee voters may bring their ballot to the clerk's office by noon

Clerk's office announces early voting locations

Early voting at the Wabash County Clerk's office will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday through noon Monday, Nov. 2. The office will also be open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays Oct. 24 and Oct. 31. The office will be closed Monday, Oct. 12 for Columbus Day. In addition to the clerk's office, voting on Saturday, Oct. 24 will take place at the Town Life Center, 603 N. Bond St., North Manchester; and Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 150 N. 2nd St., Somerset. In addition to the clerk's office, voting on Saturday, Oct. 31 will take place at the Town Life Center, 603 N. Bond St., North Manchester; and the Liberty Township Fire Department, 12 S. Wabash Ave., Lafontaine.

City now accepting WCS board member applications

The Wabash City Schools (WCS) school board began accepting applications for member positions Wednesday, Sept. 30. The appointees

will begin service on Jan. 1, 2021 and serve for four years. Application forms are available through noon Friday, Oct. 30 at City Hall, 202 S. Wabash St. Applicants must live within the WCS district to be considered. Members wishing reappointment must complete a new application. Applicants will be interviewed in a public meeting. For more information, email citycouncil1@cityofwabash.com.

Clerk's office announces Election Day voting locations

On Election Day, voting locations will include Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave.; First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.; Lagro Town Hall, 230 Buchanan St., Lagro; North Manchester Public Library, 405 N. Market St., North Manchester; Pleasant Township Fire Department, 10459 N. Ogden Road, Laketon; and Town Life Center, 603 N. Bond St., North Manchester.

Indiana 105 bridge at Salamonie Lake closed

Salamonie Lost Bridge West and East state recreation areas are accessible only

from the south. To access Indiana 105 on the north side of the bridge, from the south of the bridge heading north on Indiana 105, the official detour will be Indiana 124 to Indiana 9 to Highway 24. The entire bridge deck will be removed and replaced. The bridge, and road, is scheduled to re-open Sunday, Nov. 15.

Hawkins Farms kicks off Pizza Fridays benefiting HOPE CSA

Hawkins Family Farm is hosting "Tailgating on the Farm" from 5 to 7 p.m. Fridays at 10373 N. 300 East, North Manchester, diners will be able to order online or by phone their all-natural, locally-sourced artisan pizzas baked in an outdoor, wood-fired brick oven. Standard pizzas range from \$10 to \$20, payable by credit card or Apple Pay. All profits from Fridays on the Farm benefit HOPE CSA (Hands-On Pastoral Education using Clergy Sustaining Agriculture). For more information, visit www.hawkinsfamilyfarm.com or www.hopecsa.org.

Laketon American Legion open

The Laketon American Legion is open from 6 a.m.

to 2 p.m. weekdays serving breakfast and lunch. On Saturdays, only breakfast will be served from 6 to 11 a.m. On Sundays, they are closed.

DivorceCare begins weekly meetings again

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, "features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery." The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 S. State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Leader Janet Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St. on State Road 15. For more information, call Quillen at 260-571-5235, or call 260-563-8453 or 877-350-1658; email office@wabashfriends.org; or visit www.divorcecare.org.
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Dear Abby



I don’t sort the trash the way she thinks it should be, so I can’t take out the garbage without her first inspecting it. Not only do I not wash the dishes properly, I don’t even wash my face right. Thus far the only thing I seem to be able to do is go to the restroom without her supervision, but I lock the door now just in case she decides to kibitz.

I realize that during this tense time, people feel a loss of control over their own lives and try to compensate however they can. I’m able to hang on to my patience almost all the time, but occasionally I want to either scream at her or look for an apartment of my own. Do you have any advice for either or both of us? – Keeping Calm In The West

DEAR KEEPING CALM: You are far from the only spouse who is experiencing this. Your comment about your wife’s hypervigilance and fault-finding being her way of coping with her anxieties is perceptive. If you haven’t talked with her (calmly) about how her behavior is affecting you, please do it before you explode.

Being cooped up together all day, every day, isn’t healthy for either of you. You both should be getting out separately for at least 30 minutes of walking (60 could be even better) and sunlight every day. The exercise and change of scenery would not only be healthy, but may lower both of your stress levels. However, if that isn’t sufficient, the two of you should discuss what’s going on with her physician.

DEAR ABBY: I am instinctively tight-fisted with money. It’s also necessary because my brother and I have been in business for ourselves for only a few years, and we are just now starting to turn a decent profit. My girlfriend earns a good living as a nurse. She is pretty thrifty, but not when it comes to food.

My question is, how much of the bill should I be expected to foot for an expensive dinner I didn’t want to go out to, or an overpriced breakfast burrito from some snobby food truck? If I don’t look enthusiastic about the prospect of going to one of these places, she says not to worry because she’ll pay for it, which makes me feel insecure. Any tips on how to handle this? – Proud Guy In Washington

DEAR PROUD GUY: Yes. You appear to be an old-fashioned guy who is dating a contemporary woman. Accept her generosity and quit tying your masculinity to how she chooses to spend her own hard-earned money. That said, if you are thinking of marrying her, it would be in both your interests to have premarital counseling to ensure that disagreements about money don’t cause serious problems in your marriage.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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3		7		2				9

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION
4 7 8 9 1 6 2 3 5
1 3 9 7 5 2 4 8 6
6 5 2 8 4 3 9 1 7
8 2 1 6 7 9 5 4 3
7 4 6 2 3 5 1 9 8
5 9 3 4 8 1 7 6 2
2 8 7 1 6 4 3 5 9
9 1 5 3 2 8 6 7 4
3 6 4 5 9 7 8 2 1

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

RUBLT

TIYKT

FLANIE

DHENDI

Ans. here:

Yesterday's Jumbles: VILLA LIGHT ENOUGH CAMPUS
Answer: They wanted a better view of the small inlet from their home, so they built an — ALCOVE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

You look great in it, honey!

It's very comfortable!

It better be. It was custom-made for you.

10 10

WHEN MICROSOFT CO-FOUNDER MR. GATES BOUGHT A NEW SUIT, HE CHOSE ONE THAT ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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I CAN SEE THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL.

“I didn’t do it, Mommy!”

BIL AND JEFF KEANE

BEEBLE BAILEY

COME OUT! I KNOW YOU'RE HIDING IN THERE, BEEBLE!

I HAVE A JOB FOR YOU

CAN I TAKE A SHOWER FIRST?

10-10

GREG TAILOET WALKER

BLONDIE

I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO UNLOCK THE BATHROOM SINK

CAN YOU VISUALIZE THIS, DEAR?

I'VE ALREADY STARTED. I'M BUSY VISUALIZING MYSELF UNBLOCKING IT

I SURE DIDN'T SEE THAT COMING!

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YOUNG MARSHALL

HI & LOIS

CAN I GET YOU ANOTHER BEER?

NO, I'M GOOD.

THIRSTY IS QUENCHED

JUST ONE?

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WHIP

RRRIIP

NEED TO WORK ON THAT BACKHAND.

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WIZARD OF ID

WE NEED MORE LIVING SPACE!

PREPARE TO INVADE THE HUN HOMELAND!

COULDN'T WE JUST RENT?

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DILBERT

I FINISHED MY PROJECT IN HALF THE PROJECTED TIME.

THAT MEANS I'M PAYING YOU TWICE AS MUCH AS YOU DESERVE.

I DON'T THINK IT MEANS THAT AT ALL.

YOU LOOK DUMB ARGUING WITH MATH.

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GARFIELD

CATS EXIST TO GIVE HAPPINESS

HEY, WHEN DO I GET PAID?

LIKE HAPPINESS IS FREE

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JIM DAVIS 10-10

FORT KNOX

IT TURNS OUT THAT I DON'T HAVE WORMS.

I FIGURED YOU DIDN'T, MOM.

IN FACT, MY DOCTOR SAYS I'M THE FITTEST PERSON HE'S EVER MET.

THAT'S A LITTLE HARD TO BELIEVE.

NO IT ISN'T, AND I HAVE PROOF.

YOUR MEDICAL RECORDS?

HIS PERSONAL CELL NUMBER.

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PICKLES

GRAMMA, IS ROSCOE YOUR DOG OR GRAMPA'S DOG?

WELL, I'M THE ONE WHO FEEDS HIM, WATERS HIM, AND TAKES CARE OF HIM.

I SUPPOSE THAT MAKES HIM MINE.

IS THAT HOW YOU GOT GRAMPA?

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Destiny of the soul is a personal choice

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: My son and I are in a debate on whether what we choose to do with our bodies is a personal choice. I am trying to talk my son out of drinking alcohol, but he is trying to talk me out of smoking cigarettes. He challenged me that if I would stop smoking, he would stop drinking, but I am older than him and my addiction does not affect him because I don't smoke around him. But when he drinks and becomes out of control, it has the potential of hurting others. Who is right? — F.S.

A: A woman once told of her uncle who had some very bad health habits that they would kill him if he didn't stop them. When she shared her concern with him, he

laughed and said he'd rather enjoy his life, even if it shortened his days. "Why would anyone act like this?" she wondered.

Self-centeredness is one very probable answer. Deliberately doing something that will cut short a person's life reveals that they are thinking only about themselves and ignoring all the hurt and sorrow a premature death brings to loved ones.

In what ways might we be like him? What health rules are we violating? In what ways are we not taking care

of the body God has given us? Someday each one of us will leave behind our earthly tent (our fleshly bodies), and be bound for eternity in Heaven or Hell. But the Bible clearly declares that we are to honor God with our bodies (1 Corinthians 6:20).

God created us free to choose how we would live, but leaves us free to pursue our own ends with tragic, natural consequences. The destiny of the soul is a personal choice. No one ever goes wrong when they choose to follow Jesus Christ.

CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"W CFLO OH B JFYHJE MOHJF, OZFX
MBWE OZFX MKFYWBNWRF E WL ZBJE-
OH-DWLE JFYHJEM. LHOZWLV CBM
BNKZBPFOWRFE!" — AWOYZ ZFEPFJV

Previous Solution: "Not only do I not know what's going on, I wouldn't know what to do about it if I did." — George Carlin

TODAY'S CLUE: A sjenbe X



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